



Otterbein United Methodist Church

March 15, 2026
Traditional Service

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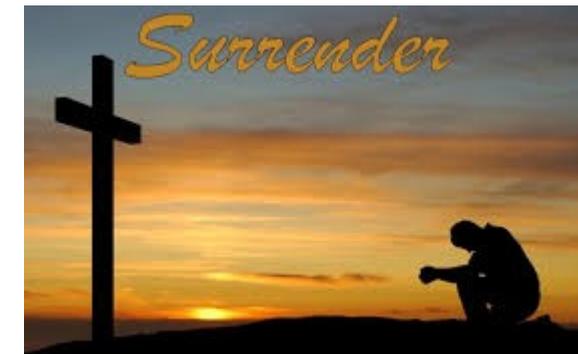
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"The Road with Jesus: From Control to Surrender"

Luke 15:11-24



Welcome to Otterbein Church

Whether you are a first-time guest, a new resident looking for a church home, or simply visiting the area, we are delighted you chose to join us for worship. Otterbein is a United Methodist congregation committed to serving our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing the Good News and caring for our neighbors. We would love for you to walk with us on this journey of faith and become part of our church family.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" Michael Martin

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Sanctuary" Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have wandered, seeking life on our own terms.

P: Yet the Father runs toward us with grace.

L: Pride resists, but mercy welcomes.

P: We return with open hands.

L: Lay down your striving and self-direction.

P: Lord, have Your way in us.

HYMN "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" UMH 348

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" Elise Sweger

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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SPECIAL MUSIC "Agnus Dei" Adult Choir

MESSAGE "The Road with Jesus: From Control to Surrender"
Rev. Steve Salisbury

CLOSING HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH 400

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be with You till We Meet Again" Adult Choir

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE "Blessed Assurance" Elise Sweger
(Please stand, if able)

WORSHIP NOTES

Hearing assist devices are available at the right rear of the sanctuary in tech room.

Large Print Bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an Usher.

Children's Worship - Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the children's moment followed by Otter Kids in Room 5.

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of daughter—Kristan Lyn Foster, husband—Robert Foster, and parents by Nancy Foster.

Usher Captain – Gary Morrow

Organist: Elise Sweger

Worship Schedule

8:45 AM Traditional

9:30 AM Contemporary "Gathering"

11:00 AM Chapel

Adult Sunday School:

9:45 - Loyal Class (Library)

10:00 - BASIC Class (Room 8)

Attendance - March 8, 2026

8:45 Traditional 198

9:30 Contemporary 51

11:00 Traditional Chapel 37

Online: 83

42

Total 286 Online: 125

The mortgage balance after the March 15th payment is \$137,767.68.

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - March

This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would greatly appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You'll find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

Please take a moment to write a note that shares God's love, comfort, and encouragement. If writing isn't your thing, preprinted cards with messages are available—just sign your name and place the card in the basket.

Circle of Prayer

Each week our Susquehanna Annual Conference requests prayer for churches within the Annual Conference, partner churches in Sierra Leone and conference camps. During the **week of March 15 - 21**: Wagner UMC – McClure, Zion UMC – East Prospect, Orbisonia UMC – Orbisonia, Beavertown UMC – Beavertown, Albert Margai Memorial UMC – Gbambatoke – Sierra Leone, First UMC – Carbondale.

Cake Auction – March 22 – 10:30 AM

The cake auction is coming!!!! It is time for the BAKERS and BUYERS of Otterbein to get excited! The mission committee is hosting the auction on Sunday, March 22nd, at 10:30 AM in the gym with a continental breakfast. The Cake Auction is the fund raiser for Missions. The monies donated are used to assist local families and non-profits and provide funds for Otterbein's response to natural disasters and the needs of others on a national level.

Bakers may bring their cakes on March 22nd beginning at 8:15 AM. Immediately following the **combined worship service**, breakfast will be available while you view the cakes and pick up your bidding paddle. The auction will begin at 10:30 with Michael Martin as the auctioneer.

Buyers: Your purchase may be paid via cash or check made payable to Otterbein UMC. In the memo, please note "cake auction".

Pot Pie made lovingly by the United Methodist Women

We need help to do the following: make the dough, run the dough through the pasta machines, cut dough into pieces and stack it on trays, peel potatoes, cut potatoes into chunks, measure ingredients, cook the pot pie, handle the heavy pots, and fill the quart containers for sale. If this sounds like something you are able and willing to do, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board located outside the office or in the Contemporary. You do not have to be a chef to help.

We need your **help on March 26 & 27 from 8:00 a.m. until ?**. Pot Pie and freezer slaw will be **sold on Friday, March 28, starting at 11:00 AM until 5 PM** in the multipurpose room. Pot pie is \$10 per quart. Thank you!

Calling Otterbein Veterans – Help Needed April 5 (Easter Sunday)

Following the Easter Sunrise service, the Veterans of Otterbein will host a sausage and pancake breakfast to recognize the support the congregation has provided during our military service. To accomplish this mission, we will need the support that we have received from you in the past.

If you can help, please contact: Office (**Nancy**) at (717) 321-6682 or office@ottumc.org
Harry Owens at (717) 571-4019 or owenshd@yahoo.com

Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 9:00-11:00 AM · Rain or Shine



Children ages 0-12, get ready to grab your Easter basket and lace up your running shoes! Oodles of eggs will be waiting for you to find.

Parishioners: Donations of wrapped candy (no gum, please) would be greatly appreciated. You may drop off items at the office or place them in one of the boxes located in the narthex or contemporary area.

Supplies Needed!



The VBS decorating crew is looking for long brown packing paper (the kind that comes in Amazon packages). A box for collection will be located outside of the office. Thank you for your help! – Janna, Director of Family Ministries

Communion Dates for 2026

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday

May 3rd

June 7th

August 2nd

October 4th – World Communion Day

November 8th

December 24th (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Bell Practice	March 16	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Boy Scouts	March 16	7:00 PM	Gym / Classrooms
Bible Study	March 17	9:00 AM	Library
Outside Group	March 17	5:30 – 8:30 PM	Gym
Missions Meeting	March 17	7:00 PM	Library
Outside Group	March 18	5:30 – 7 PM	Multipurpose Room
Choir	March 18	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Special Olympics	March 19	6 – 7:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Men's Life Group	March 21	7:00 PM	Library
Member Use	March 13	2 – 9:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
BSHS Mini-thon Car Wash	March 21	10 – 1:30 PM	Outside by Portico
Combined Service	March 22	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Cake Auction	March 22	10:30 AM	Multi-purpose Room
Youth Group	March 22	4 – 6:00 PM	

3rd Sunday of each month – Wave to our friends joining us from home

To our Blood Donors:

Your willingness to roll up your sleeve brings hope, healing, and life to countless individuals. Thank you for being a shining example of Christ's love in action.

We had 26 units of blood donated which will be used to help a minimum of 78 people! For future planning, if you have any feedback, please let Patti Johnson or Nancy know.

Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."